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Snow gets season off to a late start

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The foot of snow which blanketed the Highlands in the past few days has local businesses and outdoors enthusiasts shouting "Happy New Year" with heartfelt thanksgiving.

While last week's unseasonably warm temperatures meant roads were clear and dry for holiday travellers, the mild spell had many businesses wondering how they would regain revenue that melted away during the Christmas break.

The lack of snow had forced most snowmobile and cross-country ski trails to remain closed during what is usually one of the busiest weeks of the winter.

And that leaves businesses that sell and service snowmobiles, as well as those involved in the cross-country ski industry, hoping they can make up for the late start to the season with a late finish.

It also challenged staff at local resorts and inns to come up with a variety of activities to keep guests busy who had planned to spend most of their daytime hours out on the trails.

Paul Prentice of Prentice-Berry in Minden says poor snowmobiling conditions have left his company absorbing the costs of a fleet of six rental snowmobiles that are not being used.

"Every day they're not out there it's costing us about \$700," he said. "Over the course of 10 or 12

days that adds up to about \$7,000 or \$8,000."

The late start to the season has also affected Prentice-Berry's servicing department.

"We have four or five guys right now who are working four-day weeks until the snow comes," Prentice said last Thursday. "If the machines aren't out there, then people aren't bringing them in for servicing."

And though there hadn't been much snow before Sunday, there is definitely a lot of interest out there in the growing pastime of snowmobiling, says Prentice.

He said his shop has been sold out of snowmobiles since the beginning of December, but will go to other dealers to help fill customer orders.

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Catching the bus:

■ The Board of Education gets to take a drive on the information superhighway

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Board of Education is planning to catch a ride on the next school bus heading for the information highway.

And the provincial and federal governments have just announced they will chip in on the cost of the bus fare.

Last winter the board applied for a grant through the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program to set up the framework for a computer network, linking seven of its eight schools to each other and the board office.

The total cost of laying the data cable that will allow the board to create its computer network is nearly \$237,000.

The board has just received word that its grant application has been approved and it will receive about \$137,000 from the federal and provincial governments to carry out the work this summer. The board will be responsible for coming up with the remaining \$100,000, said Superintendent of

Business Administration Jim Bradley.

Once the data cable has been installed, each school will have the ability to set up its own network, where teachers and students can access the same software programs through a central server. As well, each of the schools will be able to communicate with each other and share programs.

The data cable will also allow teachers, students and board staff to access a province-wide educational computer network, called the Ontario Education Highway, and communicate by computer with other school boards hooked up to the system.

But before the board can set up a complete network between its office and the schools, it will have to purchase additional computer hardware and equipment, said Bradley.

Board chairman John Munro said the government funding is welcome news because of the high cost involved in setting up a computer network.

"Putting in cable is often very expensive, as we found out at Archie Stouffer (Elementary School)," he said. "It's one of those things that is often overlooked."

Work to install the data cable is scheduled for completion before the beginning of school next fall.

All schools but Victoria Street Elementary School will be hooked up to the board's computer network.



AN AFTERNOON OF FUN: The Haliburton County Echo was very pleased with the success of Wednesday's "Skate for Charity" at the Dysart arena. Skaters came out to honour the memory of Creighton Feir and raise money for the Haliburton County hospital fund, including first-time skater Lachlan Smith, second from right, whose family is on an exchange from Australia. With him are Greg Luck, Devon Dart and Britney Hewitt.

Skating afternoon raises \$685 for hospitals

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It truly was a day for families when the Haliburton County Echo hosted the first "Skate for Charity" in memory of our co-worker and friend, Creighton Feir.

Thanks to the generosity of the many skaters who converged at the Dysart arena on Wednesday, \$685 has been donated to our local hospitals.

Creighton used to write about the "thousands of people" who lined the main street to watch the

Haliburton Rotary Parade in the summer, but he wouldn't have had to exaggerate the generosity and goodwill of the people of Haliburton County. It was very gratifying to see so many skaters at the arena. Most of Creighton's family was there, as were the families of Echo staff members. We think 86-year-old Walter Webb was the oldest participant — he edges out Ray Scott by a few years — and there was more than one baby being pushed around in a stroller or held in a proud grandfather's arms.

The music set just the right

tone, and we thank co-worker Deborah Bates for taking some of those "golden oldies" that Creighton used to sing around the office.

Thanks also go out to the municipality of Dysart et al for donating the two hours of ice time and the Haliburton Minor Hockey Association for donating the hot chocolate and coffee.

Most of all, we'd like to thank all the people who donated money to the event. We know that money can be a bit tight after Christmas shopping, so we were

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The Highlands' beauty may be seen on U.S. tv

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

The scenic beauty of Haliburton County could soon be brought into the living rooms of almost one million sports viewers across Michigan.

An ongoing advertising campaign promoting the Highlands in a popular American snowmobiler magazine has created enough interest state-side to spark a Michigan sports network to approach the Chamber of Commerce about producing a program showing the winter attractions Haliburton County has to offer.

Interest in the Highlands has been peaked through advertising in the Michigan Snowmobiler, prompting the PASS Sports System television network to present the concept of airing a 30-minute program outlining the winter activities offered in the Highlands.

"We're really excited about it," said Chamber of Commerce Marketing Coordinator Lynn Mackey. "It will give Americans an opportunity to see on their televisions what we have to offer here in Haliburton County."

The involvement and participation of the community will be crucial to the show's success. A number of local resort operators, said Mackey, have already

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Stores ring in the holidays with a general surge in sales

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Christmas bells were ringing and so were local cash registers in the days leading up to Christmas as most retail store owners report an increase in sales this holiday season.

While some retailers reported only moderate increases in sales this year, others say that free-spending shoppers boosted their business by as much as 20 per cent over last year's numbers.

The annual holiday shopping spree started off slowly, said a consensus of store owners, but reached a climax in the last week prior to Christmas. Some attributed the improved sales to a visible increase in the number of visitors to the county during the season.

"It got pretty heavy in the last three days and it was so busy," said Pat O'Beirn, owner of Under

Cover book store. "It was a definite improvement over last year's sales," she said adding that her shelves were practically emptied by frantic last-minute shoppers. Humour and gardening books, said O'Beirn, were "quick to go" and among the most popular purchases.

She also said there appeared to be a rise in the number of out-of-towners coming into her store, possibly attracted due to the warm weather. "There were a lot of people around I had never seen before."

Stedmans owner Vince Connaughan said that if this year's Christmas sales were any indication, "the economy is starting to look up. If this momentum keeps up I'll be happy."

Connaughan, who estimated his sales totals to be up over last year's by about 20 per cent, said that traffic began picking up steadily two weeks prior to

Christmas and snowballed from there. "It was great. By far better than last year."

The hottest item clearing the shelves at Stedmans, he said, was the game Countryfied, created by local country fan Paul Brown. Connaughan said about fifty of the games were sold during the holiday rush.

Also benefiting from an onslaught of last-minute gift-buyers was Highland Images souvenir shop. Five-year employee Barb Potter said that the rush began in the last 10 days before Christmas. "That's when things really began to pick up and get busy."

Potter also said there was a definite increase in the numbers of shoppers this year.

The sound of ringing registers weren't loud everywhere though as the uncharacteristically mild weather didn't help sales at Northland clothes and footwear

store in Minden, said President Stu Brandon. Considering the warm temperatures, though, Brandon said sales were optimistic. "We're selling winter clothing and there's no winter, but things weren't too bad."

Just down the road, Marie Cox of Cox's Apparel said that while sales "were up a little — but nothing special," last year consumers were more free-spending.

Halco Electronics owner Ron Stackhouse said they too had a slight increase in the number of sales, but not necessarily in profits. "Our numbers are slightly up but the things we were selling like video games and computers have a terrible (profit) margin," he said.

Stackhouse added that those shoppers who did purchase the more expensive items such as computers were still budget-wary. "The vast majority of people buy-

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RETAIL BELLS RINGING: Stedmans cashier Penny Pearsell rings up a post-Christmas purchase made by Peggy Humber. The retail outlet reported a jump in pre-Christmas sales this year signalling what retailers hope will be an end of the recession and a bright 1995.

Here, There and Everywhere...

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club would like to thank everyone who purchased and sold tickets for its first fundraising event. Congratulations to Kim Parish of Haliburton on winning the first prize of a hind of beef and Peter Fearrey of Haliburton who won the 20-pound turkey. Thanks also to Butcher Block and Deli for its help in supplying the meat.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Dal Hubbert, a well-known professional photographer who lived on Lake Kashagawigamog. He and his wife Nancy, who founded the Nuthatch craft co-operative on their property, were planning on leaving the area to be closer to family so a reader suggested we do a story about the small display area that Mr. Hubbert had built into the front of Bernstein's Store about 30 years ago. As you walked past the display, it was always interesting to see who was being profiled and the prime location was an example of Mr. Hubbert's business acumen. However, when we asked Mr. Hubbert about it, he was just recovering from eye surgery and asked us to wait. It is always unfortunate when we have to acknowledge someone's contributions after they're gone but it's also true that it's better late than never. We will miss this small corner of Haliburton's history.

Joel and Jesse Johnson of Haliburton went skating at Toronto's City Hall as a Christmas Day treat. They were in the city visiting an uncle with their parents, Laurie and Peter Johnson, and their great-grandmother, Rene Roberts, all of Haliburton.

Former *Echo* reporter Linda Shutt, who now writes for the St. Catharines *Standard*, sent us an article about that area's struggles with cutbacks in health funding. Just to show that Haliburton County is not alone as it tries to make decisions about hospital services, the hospital at Niagara-on-the-Lake is merging with St. Catharines General Hospital. "Eventually the 38-bed Niagara-on-the-Lake hospital may cease to be a traditional hospital, turning instead into a bedless ambulatory care centre, like an enhanced walk-in clinic." The move is in reaction to "the new economic realities." By the way, Linda wishes everyone all the best for a happy (and controversy-free) 1995.

The *Echo* staff extends a big thank you to our publisher's mother. On Boxing Day, while everyone else was relaxing and eating leftover turkey, Norma Pizzezy was at the *Echo* office with her son to do some early spring cleaning. We think we'll nominate her as the office's patron saint.

A few weeks ago, an *Echo* editorial said it didn't want to create a "pollyanna" impression of the Acting Health Services Board. One of our readers follows the dictum that if you don't understand the use of a word, you look it up, and that's exactly what he did using the World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary. What he likes about this dictionary is that in addition to the explanation, it gives an illustrative phrase. So as well as learning that pollyanna means "untiringly cheerful or optimistic" he also read this example of the word: "Certainly no one is so pollyannish as to think everything is suddenly going to be wonderful between India and the U.S. (Wall Street Journal)." This sentence made our reader laugh when he exchanged the words India and the U.S. with Minden and Haliburton. Putting it that way, he can really understand what pollyanna means.

Another reader shares a Letter to the Editor which appeared in the *Toronto Star* in November. Forest operator Tom McCullough of Wilno was responding to forest owners' claims that they'll have to cut down more trees to pay for property taxes now that the Managed Forest Tax Rebate Program has been discontinued. He writes, in part: "This subsidy to private individuals cost taxpayers more than \$3-million annually at a time when field staff and operations of the Ministry of Natural Resources have been reduced. To claim that landowners needed this rebate in order to protect their forests is a bit of an exaggeration. Your report pointed to the owner of a 20,000-hectare forest tract who claims that the loss of the rebate will cost \$150,000 yearly. Compare these figures with the price that landowners get for a medium-sized tree they cut for sawlogs or veneer - anywhere between \$20 and \$100; depending on the type and quality. Prices are particularly high this year. The loss of the tax rebate, while regrettable, is hardly an excuse for over-logging. Most landowners in this area try to practise sustainable forestry on their own land not because of subsidies but because they want to have timber to cut in 10 years and timber for their children in 50 years..."

The Molou Theatre in Haliburton has generously donated the use of the theatre to the Haliburton Highlands Literacy Program for a fundraising venture. On January 11, the program will be showing the movie "Stanley and Iris" on the big screen. The movie stars Jane Fonda and Robert DeNiro and is about a working class gentleman named Stanley who meets Iris. Iris learns he can't read and becomes his friend and tutor. The ticket prices are \$5 each and are available at the office in Haliburton (next to Dr. Postlethwaite's), The Kitchen Shop in Haliburton and the IDA Drugstore in Minden. It's an entertaining way to help the Literacy Program reach out to the people in the Highlands who can't read.



BIA WINNER: Congratulations to Chris Ricketts of Gooderham. Her name was pulled from the hundreds of entries in the raffle for a free colour TV sponsored by the Haliburton village business association. She filled out the ballot at Highland Images. Presenting her with her new television is BIA representative Les Feero. The BIA thanks everyone who participated in the one-day draw for downtown shoppers on December 23.

Obituary

Family's loss is felt by many in Wilberforce

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There was a shroud of sadness over the Christmas holiday for the Agnew family in Wilberforce.

On December 23, Fred Agnew had a fatal heart attack while playing hockey in Bancroft and collapsed on the ice. Although he had no previous heart problems, an autopsy showed that the 28-year-old man had an enlarged heart.

Mr. Agnew was the fourth child of Murray and Eileen Agnew. Agnew's Store, which also serves as the post office, is a cornerstone of the community and through their efforts both at the store and with local organizations, the Agnews' web of friends and family stretches far and wide over the area. The young man's death, which was so unexpected, there-

fore touched and saddened many people.

Because Mr. Agnew loved being outdoors, he was the only one of the five children who wasn't closely associated with the store. His parents both work at the store as do his siblings, uncle and cousins but Fred preferred doing construction jobs outside.

He also loved hockey, both playing the game and watching it, taking his brother Philip to as many games as he could. He was very close to his family and his home town, even though work took him out of the area.

After attending school in Cardiff, Wilberforce and Haliburton, he went to Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay. His most recent job was as a heavy equipment mechanic for Hub Equipment.

In 1993, he married Melissa

Stein of Peterborough and they lived in Willowdale. She was visiting her family in Peterborough when her husband died. They were planning to spend Christmas in Wilberforce with his family.

The funeral was on December 27 at St. Margaret's Church, which had little room to spare for all the people who came to pay homage to their friend and relative. Rev. Christopher Greaves conducted the service. Funeral arrangements were by Barager Funeral Home in Bancroft and the cremation was in Peterborough.

Fred Agnew is survived by his parents, Murray and Eileen, his wife, Melissa, and his siblings, John and Mary Barker, Cathy Agnew, Philip Agnew and Wynne Agnew, and his nieces and nephews, Jodi, Luke, Behn and Meghann.

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Recent warm spell lowers heating bills and pads pockets

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

It may not have been a completely white Christmas but home and cottage owners can thank Mother Nature for giving a gift of her own this holiday season.

Whether keeping warm through oil, electricity or firewood, the mild temperatures throughout the holiday season kept residents' heating bills to a minimum, giving Christmas shoppers a few added dollars to spend on gifts this year.

John Rogers, Ontario Hydro Muskoka/Parry Sound Utility Manager, while unable to give any figures until the monthly reports are compiled, said it was a safe assumption that the 17,500 consumers in the county padded their pockets a little during the recent warm trend. "Anytime you

have warmer weather heating goes down and so do people's bills."

Youngdale Fuels owner Ed Youngdale, who supplies oil to about 1,000 home and cottage owners in the county, says that while bad for business, the warm weather "is great for consumers."

He said that the span between fuel deliveries has stretched out and "business has slowed down quite a bit." The reduced demand for oil, he estimated, has meant a cash savings of roughly \$200 to \$300 for customers.

Though sales are down so far this winter, Youngdale said there is generally a mix of warm and cold spells every year "so it usually all equals out in the end."

The warm spell of weather was like a welcome Christmas present from Mother Nature, said John Francis, owner of the Minden

bulk plant John Francis Fuels.

Though it has meant a reduction in gallons sold for the first quarter of the season, he said "it's nice to see" consumers get a financial break during the holiday season.

"I'm glad because with the high costs of everything and the recession it gave people a break before Christmas, especially after the weather we had last winter."

Like Youngdale, though, Francis pointed out that "it is pretty much of a tradition that regardless of the first part of the winter, people will likely end up using the same amount come spring and I don't think there will be too much of a savings in the end."

For firewood suppliers, the milder temperatures haven't meant too much of a decrease in business because users generally stockpile once a year. But last month's lack of consistent, below-zero mercury levels has dampened work for loggers.

"Usually by now it does start to get really cold and the calls start coming like crazy but we haven't had that happen yet," said Susan Danilko, who's husband operates Roger Danilko Logging and Trucking.

The recent string of soggy days has meant a tougher task in transporting the timber, added Danilko. "It's just as well we haven't had too many calls because this weather has been just pathetic for logging," she says. "When it is so mild the bush roads are soft and it is hard to get the material out. And if you drag it, the mud gets over the logs and it freezes onto it like cement."

Highlands to be profiled on tv

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expressed an interest in being involved in the initiative, among them Red Umbrella Inn, PineStone Resort, Hart Lodge and Sandy Lane Resort.

The PASS network — a Michigan-based sports channel similar to TSN — is available on more than 250 cable systems in Michigan and northern Ohio and reaches more than 900,000 homes (as well as being accessed via satellite).

Like the four-month magazine campaign (running from November to February), one angle the television program will play up will be the dollar exchange rate difference across

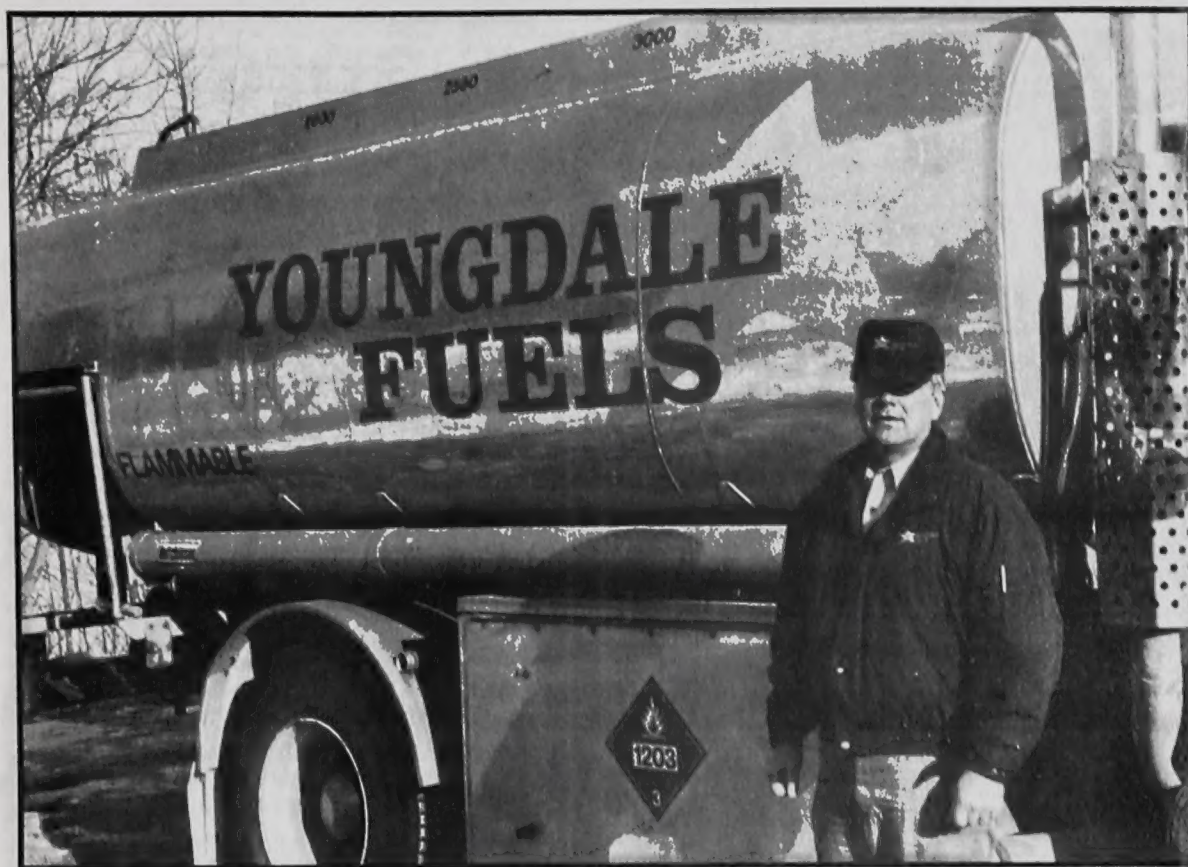
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Red Umbrella Inn owner Rick Tustin is hopeful the information program will spur more skiers, snowmobilers and ice fishermen to make the 3.5 hour drive from Michigan to Haliburton County.

"We have to make them realize that the U.S. dollar has a good value up here and that our trail system is the best in North America."

Tustin pointed out that \$120 U.S. buys about \$200 of Canadian goods and "that is a big attraction in itself."

The concept for the program's format and production will be discussed at a Chamber of Commerce meeting this month.



HOLIDAY BREAK: The recent mild spell of weather has meant oil suppliers like Youngdale Fuels owner Ed Youngdale have had a lighter workload the first quarter of the season, giving cash-strapped consumers a break on

Donations earmarked for health services projects

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pleasantly surprised by people's generosity. It was a terrific way to honour a friend and raise money for a well-needed project.

This county is faced with the task of raising \$4-million to restructure our hospitals. Four major projects are planned: adding 30 long-term care beds onto Haliburton Hospital, consolidating acute care beds at Haliburton Hospital, upgrading Hyland Crest senior citizens home in Minden and building an emergency facility at the Hyland Crest site.

There is already \$1-million in the bank for the project. Most of it was raised for the previous project to build a 19-bed chronic care unit at the Haliburton Hospital. That project was frozen five years ago and St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation has invested the money so it will earn interest

while we're waiting for the new projects to go ahead.

Unfortunately, a fund has not yet been established to raise the remaining \$3-million. So we're giving the \$685 to the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation with the express wish that it be earmarked for the entire project.

We believe that the Foundation will be a wise steward of the money until a local fund is started.

Judging from the success of Wednesday's afternoon of skating, *The Echo* hopes to host the event again next year so keep those skate blades sharpened.

X-Mas sales surge

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ing the big ticket items were looking at financing or payment plans and you have to be very creative with those things."

In general, he said that "people are still very cost-conscious" with the most popular stocking stuffers being the smaller more economical items such as calculators and data banks — "mainly small bookshelf stuff and games," said Sales Manager Bryan Foster,

adding that Christmas shoppers this year shied away from stereo systems and televisions sets.

Aside from the last three days before Christmas, Varty Jewelry owner Lorraine Varty said that "this year was fairly quiet."

Varty said that despite the three-day surge, she wasn't expecting to find an increase when the financial books were updated.

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Sharing 'fever' spreads across the community

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Fewer people than originally forecasted by the 4Cs required food boxes this Christmas, but the community's spirit of giving continued to grow.

A long list of individuals, community groups, businesses,

There was Sir Sandford Fleming College which donated the space it had rented at the Drag River Municipal Building for the 4Cs to use to put together all of its food and gift boxes.

There was Barb Bolin, principal of the SSFC campus, who began an initiative selling red sponge noses at the Haliburton Santa

4Cs.

There was Jim Way who let the food bank use his truck for about two weeks while it was picking up donated goods and delivering food boxes at the pick-up points.

There were the many people who dropped non-perishable food products in the large food bins at Haliburton IGA and Valu-mart.

There were those who bought toys and gifts and dropped them in bins at various local businesses so they could be added to the Christmas boxes.

And these are just a small number of the many, many others who shared their Christmas spirit with those in the community who are going through hard times.

"It was almost a fever that was catching hold and everybody was doing something nice," said a grateful Thompson.

Through their generosity the 4Cs was able to provide about 180 families with some of the necessities at Christmas. The food bank was anticipating it would need to put together Christmas food boxes for about 200 families.

Any surplus food items that have been donated to the 4Cs will be used by the food bank to help feed the regular list of about 30 families it assists each month.

"Nothing ever goes to waste around here," said Thompson.

"It was almost a fever that was catching hold and everybody was doing something nice."

churches and schools contributed food, money and gifts to ensure that Haliburton County families in need had something more to celebrate this Christmas.

"It seemed that anybody who could do something to help out in some way, did do something," said Bob Thompson, one of the directors of the food bank.

There was the Haliburton Rotary Club which organized its first-ever book drive in an effort to make sure children, teens and adults had gifts this year, while promoting literacy at the same time.

There were the hundreds of donors who dropped off more than 500 new and like-new books to the drive.

"The book drive was just fantastic," said Thompson. "It went way beyond our expectations."

Claus Parade to raise money for the 4Cs.

There were the Glamorgan fire-fighters who raised about \$300 for the food bank.

There was the Haliburton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and its Ladies Auxiliary which raised a large sum of money.

There were the two or three families who decided to use all the money they would normally spend on each other at Christmas to buy food and gifts for families being helped by the 4Cs.

There were the volunteers who gave up their time to wrap presents and pack the Christmas boxes so they could be picked up on schedule.

There were the volunteers who work at the Lily Ann, selling clothing to raise money for the



A Perfect Gift

Ruth Still had the perfect Christmas gift for people who love Eagle Lake - a copy of her new book, *In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake*. For the two days just before Christmas, she was at Eagle Lake Food Town, signing copies for last-minute Christmas shoppers. Jessica Campbell and her mother, Wendy are Moose Lake cottagers who one day hope to be able to live in the scenic community year-round. They were buying the book as a family present so they could learn more about the scenic area they call home for at least part of the year. The books are available at the store and in several other locations in Eagle Lake and Haliburton.



HOLY! Robert Harrison was watching television at his home in Minden on December 28 when he decided to see if he had won any money on the Instant Bingo ticket he had purchased at the Minden Beckers store. A few seconds later he said "Holy, \$25,000." Mr. Harrison and his wife Linda, who have two children, plan to pay bills with their winnings. Prior to this win, his largest lottery win was a \$50 Instant Bingo prize. More than half the adults in Ontario also play Ontario Lottery Corporation games, but few of them have shared his success.



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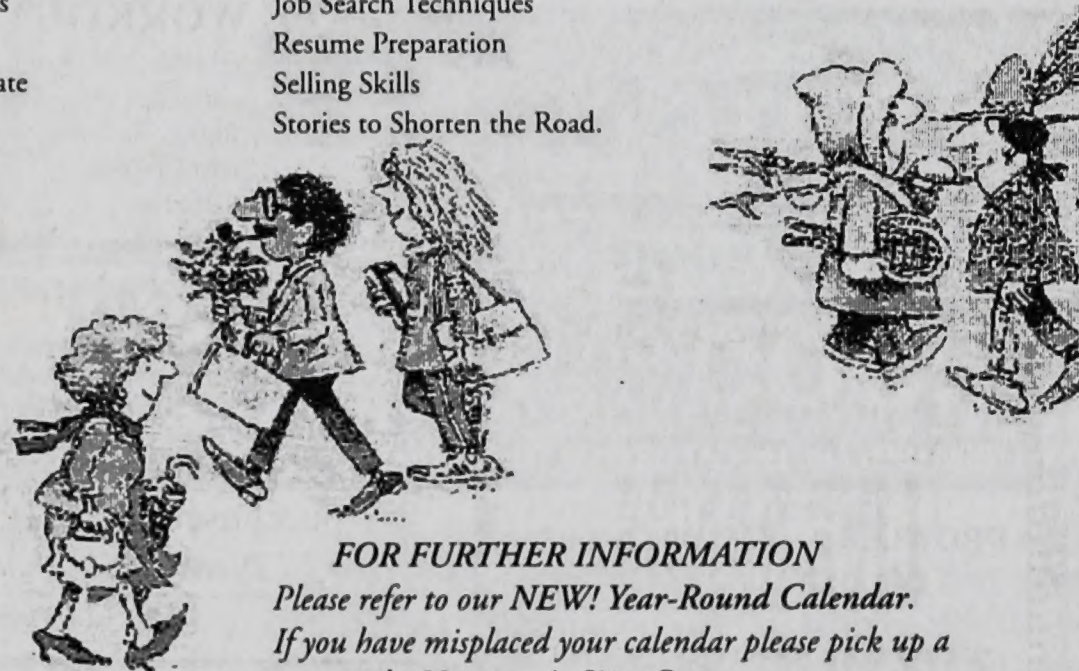
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Winter's slow start freezes business

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Over at Coneysbeare Motors, John Coneysbeare said the slow start to winter is taking its toll on the company's sales and servicing departments.

"It's been much slower this year than in other years when there was a big dump of snow," he said. "... It would be nice to get rid of some of the inventory that's here chewing up dollars."

Coneysbeare said he is confident about the remainder of the season, provided there is snow soon.

"It'll take off as soon as the snow comes," he said.

John Teljeur, president of the Nordic Trails Association, says he has one New Year's wish. More snow. A lot more snow.

"You go big and negotiate from there," he says.

Teljeur says at least another six inches of snow was needed before any of the association's 160 kilometres of trails can be opened.

"We want to provide a good product to our customer and if

the conditions aren't up to the proper standards then we're not going to open the trails," he said.

Being open during the week between Christmas and New Year's can be the difference between making a profit and losing money, said Teljeur.

Whether it snows a lot or a little, the association has payments for new equipment and loans it must meet. It raises the funds to pay these operating expenses through sales of season, weekend and daily trail passes.

"Basically we have 11 weeks to make our bread and butter for the year," Teljeur explained. "Now we have 10. History shows us that if we don't have a good Christmas, then we probably won't have a good year."

It will take a very strong January, February and March to make up for the slow start to the season.

But Teljeur is optimistic. After a bad beginning last year, things picked up later in the season to

cover the association's costs.

Warm daytime temperatures around Christmas will likely cost Gary Grosschadl at the Clansman Motel and Cottages a weekend's receipts from those who go to his Boshkung Lake property to ice fish early in the new year.

Usually he has his huts in place for the beginning of ice-fishing season, but was unable to do so this year.

"This will be the first time in a while that I haven't had my huts out there for January 1," he said. "With the mild snap I'll be about a week late."

Because Boshkung is one of the deeper lakes in its chain, Grosschadl says the temperature needs to drop to about negative 20 Celsius for at least three nights before the ice is thick enough to put out his ice-fishing huts.

Wigamog Inn owner Kimberly Ward said the unseasonable conditions around Christmas made activities staff work harder to keep guests busy.

"We've had to try twice as hard," she said. "And our pool table is working overtime."

While some guests were disappointed by the lack of wintry weather, others who came from areas with absolutely no snow were glad to see the small amount Haliburton managed to hold on to, Ward said.

None of the cross-country trails at the PineStone Inn were open either, but guests seemed happy to ski wherever they could find enough snow, said Jim Elstone, property manager and director of golf.

"(The mild weather) hasn't affected our business at all," he said. "We've had no cancellations and people are finding plenty of activities to keep busy."

Those who enjoy downhill skiing could still find good runs at Sir Sam's and there was good skating on many of the area's shallower lakes which remained frozen, he said.

Sir Sam's Ski Area was open the entire Christmas break with



three quarters of its runs available to skiers and about half of Haliburton Forest's 300-kilometre trail network was open to snowmobilers.

Chris Bishop, co-owner of Sir Sam's, said the resort has had one of its best Christmas seasons ever, due to the manmade snow it was able to produce in early December when the temperature was consistently below zero.

The combination of winter-like dry snow and spring temperatures during the day have been drawing big numbers of skiers to the slopes. Last Wednesday alone, there were more than 1,000 skiers on the hills.

Bishop said he was told by many of the ski patrollers who were visiting various ski resorts across the province last week that Sir Sam's had the best conditions.

LET IT SNOW

Downhill skis were found under many Christmas trees, so Sir Sam's Ski Area was busy over the holidays, above right. Even though the natural snow was a little thin until Sunday, the man-made snow and bright skies made for good conditions. At right, Trina Howe, Nicole Pockett and Tiffany Howe enjoy skating on the rink which Nicole's parents, Karen and Roger, made on a swamp on Harburn Rd



Police News

Firearm discharged

A father and son were charged with gun offences after a family disturbance near Tory Hill on Christmas Eve. A 42-year-old man from Oshawa has been charged with assault with a weapon and had a bail hearing in Lindsay on Dec. 27. His father was charged for careless use of a firearm and pointing a firearm. Minden OPP have seized the firearms. The man's mother received superficial injuries as a result of the discharge of the firearm involved in the incident.

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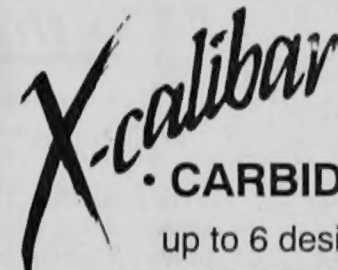
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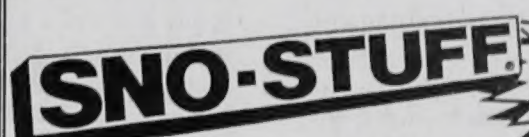
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EDITORIAL

A few reasons why it's a happy new year

Editorial writers are often accused of believing that the glass is always half empty. But with all this talk of a happy new year, we thought we'd see whose glasses are half full. As part of our new year's tradition, here's a look at some of the things which make us happy.

The Eagle Lake Women: For almost 60 years, this group of volunteers has been doing everything in its power to turn Eagle Lake into a thriving and contented community. In the beginning, they helped build a school for their children; last month they paid for a streetlight on Still Road so children could have a safe place to play pick-up hockey. They transform their concerns for the younger generations into actions, without any help from government or taxpayers. Thanks to them, Eagle Lake is now the Rhubarb Capital of Ontario, complete with a Rhubarb Park, a Rhubarb Festival and the third printing of a rhubarb cookbook, all of which will help generate income for the community. But most importantly, these women are nice. Niceness is a much maligned word nowadays, but the Eagle Lake Women could launch a national campaign to bring it back into favour. In their homes and in the community, they create a feeling of warmth and wellbeing. They are caring and compassionate, fun-loving and cheerful. They know how to work hard for what they want, but they know that having fun is equally important. We all benefit from having them in our midst.

The people who donate to the 4Cs: People have a huge emotional investment in Christmas. For religious and family reasons, it has become the most important celebration of the year and there's a desire to make sure that everyone can feel the joy of this special day. Without asking, the 4Cs received enough food and monetary donations to feed more than 180 families who are still caught in the grip of the recession. The Haliburton Rotary Club also kicked in with its first annual book drive. But when 4Cs organizers happened to mention they didn't have enough gifts for teenagers, an incredibly generous person went to Halco and bought five Walkmans, as well as gift certificates for tapes. As well, there were a couple of families who instead of giving gifts to one another, donated the money they would have spent to the 4Cs. Such acts of kindness are truly admirable and tweak and the consciences of the rest of us.

Snow: You don't realize how much you miss it until it's not there. In the Highlands we were lucky enough to have a fairly white Christmas, thanks to a heavy snowfall a few weeks ago. And while the dry roads were appreciated by holiday travellers, the lack of snow meant there were fewer reasons for people to travel to Haliburton. Thankfully, after just enough days of clear weather to keep everyone happy, we finally got a beautiful blanket of snow on the weekend. Our economy needs the boost that only snow can provide.

Minden Sled Dog Derby: For those of us who have neither the time nor inclination to watch the races across the northern stretches of Canada's tundra, the Minden Sled Dog Derby is an equally enjoyable alternative, and it's much closer to home. The races are a wonderful way to promote the Highlands' charms in winter. It's marvellous to see the dogs' excitement as they get into position at the main street starting line, and then to marvel at their stamina when they lop across the finish line several minutes later. But the derby would not be possible were it not for the hard work of a strong corps of volunteers, who started planning for the event shortly after last year's event. We owe them a big round of applause for giving us a weekend of entertainment and publicity for the area. M.P.



Pockett Gardens on the Harburn Road

Photo by Martha Perkins

Illegal logging is a real eye-opener

To the Editor from our Readers

To the Editor:

On December 21, 1994, a Haliburton High-school student, with the fibre that makes me proud of his generation, informed me that the southerly portion of my property had been logged, and suggested that I should investigate. He quite rightly suspected that I was unaware of this activity, making it illegal.

The next day, I took my son Timothy up the hill to the back of my property. I was shocked. The southerly five acres of my hardwood bush had been logged off, unbeknownst to me. I immediately picked up Timmy and rushed to our house to call the police.

After determining who the guilty party was, I telephoned the police for advice. They asked what dollar value the damage amounted to, and if I knew who the logger was. I said that I did not know the value, and told them who the guilty party was. "Settle with him," was the reply.

Since then, I have been burning up the phone lines in order to gather the facts of the matter, to learn as much about my rights as possible and to arrive at equitable restitution. This process is not pleasant. This wrong can never be righted. Every time I walk into my bush I will become angry. My bush has been raped.

I would never have willingly allowed my bush to be logged by skidders, which have now illegally dragged off 130 of my best trees. Skidders do too much damage on a parcel as small as mine. I would never have allowed 130 trees to be removed from five acres. My philosophy is to allow, with horses, to remove the most mature trees. I had no opportunity to manage the harvest of a forest which I had nurtured along, and knew like the back of my hand.

As a surveyor, my corners are well-marked. My lines are blazed. I would have been glad to point them out and make them even more evident, for free. A man who logs with horses looked over the bush in the vicinity of my lands. He instantly knew when he entered my bush that it was different ownership. My bush had received nurturing.

I was sure that I had taken adequate steps to protect my bush from trespass. I was wrong. Consequently, I have given considerable thought as to how I could better have protected my lands, short of building a fence. But why do I have to take these extra measures? Loggers are duty bound to be sure of what they are logging.

Since loggers are reluctant to pay surveyors to mark lines, what has happened to me has, and will, happen to others. Therefore, I think that the Municipality, or preferably the County, should consider enacting a by-law that forces loggers to notify all land-owners adjacent to planned logging

operations. Then adjacent owners can point out, or protect, their lines before any damage is done.

Thomas Thurley
Haliburton

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

The Board of Directors of the 4C's (Community of Christian Concern Centre) Food Bank would like to express their sincere thanks to all the businesses, service clubs, organizations, associations, schools, churches, families and individuals who gave so generously to our 1994 Christmas Food Box Program. We also wish to thank the Echo for their continued support.

Without all of you, it would not have been the success it was. Once again, you have demonstrated the generosity of our county, and the true spirit of Christmas.

This year, 180 households received a Christmas food box of non-perishables, children's toys, books, and a voucher for groceries.

Our thanks also to the volunteers who donated so many hours of their labour, shopping, packing, transporting and distributing the boxes.

Sincerely
4C's Board of Directors

Forest owners should stop complaining

To the Editor:

Some people have a lot of nerve. There are still some forest owners in the Haliburton area who are still crying for tax hand-outs. They are saying that they need Ontario's old Managed Forest Tax Rebate Program and reject the new Private Forests Sustainability Program.

The old program was a provincial tax give-away. Several of the complaining parties own huge tracts of forests. If they can afford to own all that land in prime cottage country, they can afford to pay their taxes.

Instead, they think that they should get 75 per cent of their taxes back. And they think they should be entitled to this money just for having a piece of paper from a forester saying that they have a management plan.

Lumber prices have never been higher. These people don't need hand-outs to make a living.

With all the fuss, they are obscuring the real issue. The new Private Forests Sustainability Program does a lot more to encourage good forest management. Instead of just giving away tax money, it sets up local sustainability councils that can actually help forest owners with important jobs like tree marking and tree planting. As well, the councils will educate the public on how best to achieve sustainable forestry.

TEARS

Tears, and the ability to shed them are a gift truly a gift. To be able to express self, the emotions, as it were, so fully so completely, is not a frustration, is not an irritation, but rather is a celebration.

Weep not only in sorrow but weep with joy. It is the water of soul. That gift has been earned and is the reward for the struggle - not on this plane, at this time but in other times. For there has been much suffering yet there has been love and growth.

So fight them not but rather celebrate the joy of them the truth they represent and purity of them.

Do not cast your eyes behind but look only ahead. Be thankful for what is given unto you and know that it is right and true.

Love who you are; celebrate what you are for you are magnificent. You are imperfect yet you are perfect in your imperfection and the Creator loves you as you are.

Written by David L. Silver, submitted by Deb Bentley, Cardiff.

Of course what's really going on here is politics. But what is really funny is to see Conservatives - who usually argue against government spending and tax give-aways - crying for tax hand-outs for themselves. The most ironic thing about all this is that several of the people that are threatening to close access to their snowmobile trails built or improved those trails with provincial government grants from the NDP government. This is a bad case of biting the hand that feeds.

Please. Give us all a break! And start talking seriously about sustainable forestry.

Ontario receives no support at all for private forestry, while others receive considerable funding. For example, twelve per cent of Ontario forest is privately owned, compared with 8 per cent in Quebec. Yet the federal government gave the Province of Quebec \$65 million over the past five years for forestry on private lands while Ontario received nothing.

This is unfair and unwise. Ontario is being denied its fair share. The inequity creates the appearance of political favouritism and patronage, and because it reduces Ontario's ability to encourage and support forest practices on private land.

Sincerely
Art Field (former NDP candidate)
Little Britain

LOOKING BACK:

A review of the peaks and valleys of 1994

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

IT WOULD BE EASY to look back on the major issues that made headlines in 1994 and say it was just like 1992 and 1993 combined together, only worse.

While other parts of the country declare the recession is finally over, it continues to drag on in Haliburton County. The number of people on the county's welfare rolls reaches a record high in March. Government funding to municipalities, the school board and other vital service agencies are cut back even further. And to add insult to injury, the long winter is the bitterest and coldest in recent memory.

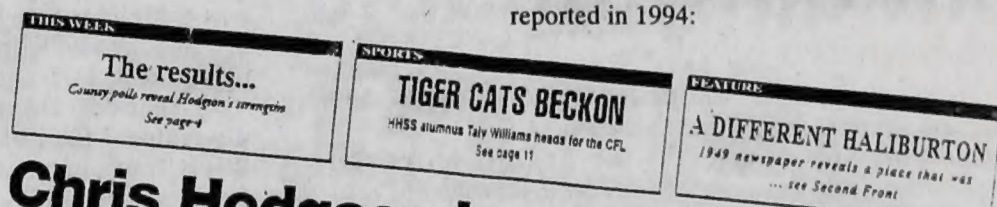
But it would not be correct to say that 1994 was a terrible year. It seems we have begun to adjust to

leaner times. The shock of the downturn in the economy after the high times in the late Eighties and early Nineties has worn off. People are getting used to making do with less. They are beginning to enjoy themselves again. And in the county's long-standing tradition, people are going out of their way to help each other.

Take 86-year-old Richard Kirkwood who is granted the Ontario Senior Achievement Award for his efforts to make Minden a better place to live. Or the dozens of volunteers who donate their time and labour to fixing up Haliburton's arena without forcing up the local tax bill. Then there are the hundreds of people who make donations to the 4Cs Food Bank and Haliburton Rotary Club book drive so others can have a better Christmas.

For every sad story, there is at least one good one.

Here is a look at some of the stories The Echo reported in 1994:



Chris Hodgson is surprise winner

Haliburton vote helps send native son to Queen's Park

Chris Hodgson, a native son of Haliburton County, has been elected to the Ontario Legislative Assembly for the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes. He defeated incumbent Progressive Conservative MPP John McCreary in a surprise victory on Monday night.



OWN OUR ROAD

SHARON LYNCH

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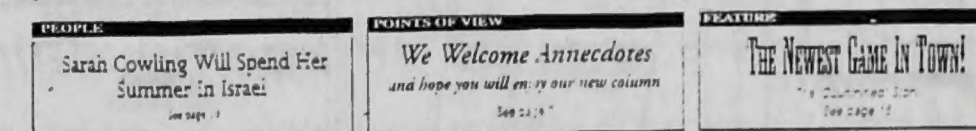
Wishes of a more prosperous new year appear to be coming true for students when the province announces increases in the minimum wage. However, Haliburton County business operators say the rate hikes are too rich for their blood, predicting they will hire fewer summer students and cut back the hours of those they already employ.

TSN's decision to film a half hour program on Minden's 10th annual Sled Dog Derby and air it nationally to an audience of 900,000 people has organizers of the event rolling over and doing new tricks. The four sponsors of the event and Wayne Cowling, who initially talked TSN into the project, say the \$30,000 in production costs will be paid back many times by the tourist traffic the television exposure will draw to the region.

Feeling the pressure of putting together one of its toughest budgets ever, and still without an administrator, county council looks into its own backyard and finds the solution. Terry Noble, who grew up in Essonville and graduated from university as an accountant, is hired as clerk-treasurer.

The school board's education committee meets in an emergency session to make certain members fully comprehend the province's mandate for Junior Kindergarten implementation. The board had thought it could seek an exemption to delay the start of the program until 1997. However, the province says school boards across Ontario must have their JK programs fully in place by that date, lending more urgency to the massive amount of preparation the board must undertake.

Also fighting a deadline, county councillors



Man hunt fails to nab theft suspects

Police helicopters, dogs, in Goodenham chase

A manhunt for two suspects in a theft case in Goodenham failed to nab them, but police are confident they will be caught eventually. The suspects were seen fleeing in a stolen vehicle after a theft at a local business.



Petition and red tape stall SIRCH house

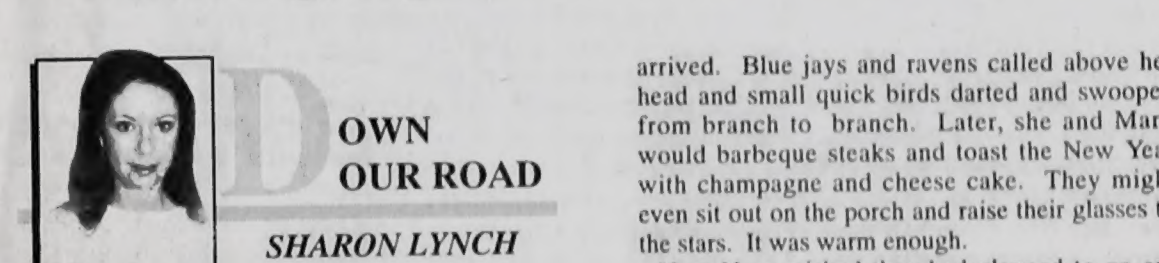
LISA SHUTT



Pic of the Past

This week's Pic of the Past shows the students of S.S. No. 3 school in Highland Grove during the 1930s. In the back row are, from left: Vern Hughey, Doug Landry, Daisy Bowen, Irene Hogan, Jean Landry, Audrey Andrews, Tessie Hogan, Irma Watson and Alphonse Hogan. In the middle row are Marvin Bowen, Marvin Hughey, Harry Hogan, Warren Bowen, Allen Foster, Junior Bowen, Garff Hogan and Morley Bowen. In the front row are Elva Avey, Irma Embury, Jean Hogan, Evelyn Andrews, Carmel Hogan and Ken Andrews. Our thanks to Warren Bowen of Wilberforce for sharing the photo with us.

Starting again in the new year



OWN OUR ROAD

SHARON LYNCH

NORA DID NOT KNOW HOW she was going to tell Mark. She knew she had to, but the when, where and way of telling were undecided. Kicking absently at a chunk of frozen snow, she watched the dog making rapid circles on the ground. Round and round he went, nose tracking an invisible path as his short legs tried to keep up. That was how Nora felt at this moment, going in circles and keeping herself busy with now particular direction in mind.

When they moved back to the city the year before, it had seemed like a good decision. Admittedly it had been almost ten years since either one of them had lived in an urban environment, but they thought they would adapt. It had not happened. Despite the jobs and stimulation of every conceivable kind that came with the move, Nora was very unhappy. She missed her friends, her space, her life.

If she stayed where she was, she knew she would end up hating Mark. In the past, such inaction had been her pattern. Rather than make a decision, she would wait until one was forced upon her and then react in the extreme. Not this time. Mark deserved better and so did she. He would not be the scapegoat. She had to tell him that she wanted to return north. But Nora's biggest fear was that he would not go with her.

They had come north for the New Year's weekend, staying at a friend's place while the owner was in Florida. Mark had wanted to play with the computer in the house's study, and Nora had wanted to get some fresh air and fresh ideas. She was hoping that the familiar surroundings by the lake would help clear her head, allowing her to come up with the right words to tell Mark of her decision.

It was not happening. Nora wondered if this was due to the weather. It was distracting in its unseasonable warmth. The mild breeze reminded her of April as she walked along the side of the road. She had her jacket loose around her neck and her mitts were unnecessary. Squirrels scampered everywhere, poking their heads up from burrows beneath the snow and running stiff-legged and high-tailed along fallen trees, their cheeks bulging with bird feed.

Nora almost expected to see a bear, fooled by this unusual weather into thinking spring had

arrived. Blue jays and ravens called above her head and small quick birds darted and swooped from branch to branch. Later, she and Mark would barbeque steaks and toast the New Year with champagne and cheese cake. They might even sit out on the porch and raise their glasses to the stars. It was warm enough.

Now Nora wished they had planned to go out instead of spending New Year's Eve alone. Mark would want to talk about the coming year, his own hopes and plans and she would have to respond in some way. It would provide the perfect opening for her to tell him she wanted to leave the city. How she dreaded doing so. Realizing that she was only succeeding in increasing her own anxiety, Nora tried to put the evening right out of her mind and concentrate instead on her surroundings. Since she could not come up with a conversational game plan, she might as well enjoy this part of the day since she knew the latter part would probably be less than pleasurable.

The beagle had found a spot at the base of a tree and was busily leaving his mark. Looking out over the lake, Nora watched blue water twinkling in the clear sunlight, with only the lake's outer edge frozen, despite the date. The day before she had seen people skating on a smaller lake as she and Mark drove up from Toronto. But this lake was much bigger and most of it was still open. She could hear the crunch of ice hitting ice as the breeze banged pieces up against the frozen perimeter, breaking it down even further. Were it not for the cooler nights, the lake might be ice free in no time if the weather did not change.

With a sense of dread she turned and started back to the house, whistling for the dog to follow. She was no longer certain she could wait until tonight to talk to Mark. Although she was dreading it, she wanted to have it over with one way or the other. Having the situation hanging over her would spoil the little time she had to enjoy this weekend and it would be weeks, maybe longer, before she could move back to the area. Nora determined to sit down with Mark as soon as she stepped inside.

Pushing open the door, she announced her return in an overly cheerful voice, hating herself for doing so. Mark emerged from the study, carrying papers from the computer's printer. Before she could say a word, Mark walked over to her, gave her a hug and then handed her one of the papers. "I couldn't wait until tonight, and didn't know what to say, so I wrote what I wanted to tell you on the computer while you were out walking. Please don't say anything until you've read the whole thing," he said and turned to walk back into the study.

Nora looked down at the page. The first line read, "Why I want to leave Toronto".



Novice A Huskies thwarted in O-T comeback bid

Coldwater didn't roll over and came storming back, scoring with 1:18 left on the clock. The ten-

The Novice A's would like to thank Jeremy Miscio for helping out in the tourney. The boys are in action on Wed. Jan. 4, 7 p.m. At home vs the Minden Monarchs. Come on out and support them.



Atom Bs split daily double

ing 2-0. The Huskies opened the scoring eight seconds into the game when Cory Sisson came down the left hand side and fired a wrist shot over the goalie's glove hand into the top corner. The Huskies went up 2-0 three minutes later as Jeff Packard pegged the corner of the net on a setup by Cory Sisson. The Huskies scored one more time before the 1st period ended, as Cory Sisson scored with Matt

The Rockets broke Garrett Pockett's shutout bid midway through period two. Garrett was between the pipes for the huskies as the "little cat" Ryan Hutson was away for the holiday. The Huskies went up 4-1 two minutes into the third as Ryan Goldenberg scored unassisted. Cory scored the hat trick as he tipped a Matt Hutchinson blast from the point.

The three stars were Cory Poole, Ryan Goldenberg and Matt Brown.

Peewees continue dominance

Coming up on Saturday, January 7 the PeeWee Huskies host their annual tournament. Some top notch teams are entered and the action is sure to be fast and furious. Come on out and cheer for the local squad.

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Bobcaygeon travelled to Haliburton the following night for the home and home series final. The 'Caygeon boys were aggressive in the first period, scoring twice. The Huskies cashed in with two of their own in the first, as well. The Huskies notched two more goals in the second. As the 'Caygeon game broke down, the Huskies added three more in the third period for another 7-2 victory over Bobcaygeon. Greg Schell was once again great in net. Doing the scoring for the Huskies on this night, were Bill Dovell with two goals and one assist. Josh (the Fridge) Dennis blasted in one goal and one assist. Steve St. Cyr notched a goal and an assist. Jason Henry scored a goal and an assist. Josh Burk added a goal and an assist. Brett Wilson chipped in with a goal and an assist. Ian Clements and Sean Irvine each picked up an assist in the 7-2 win.

On Dec. 22 the Huskies travelled to Bobcaygeon to get back on the winning track. Josh Burk opened the scoring at 8:36 of the first period. The Huskies were playing aggressive hockey, tying up the 'Caygeon team in their end of the ice. The Huskies scored four goals in the second and added two more in the third, while holding the Bobcaygeon boys to two goals for a 7-2 win. Greg Schell was sharp in net, facing some good, hard shooters from Bobcaygeon. Josh Burk had the "hot hands", picking up five goals and one assist. Sean Irvine chipped in with one goal and three assists. Ian Clements notched a goal and an assist. Matt Burk added three assists. Jason

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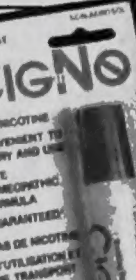
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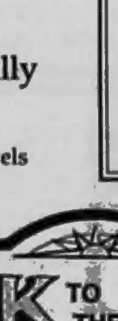


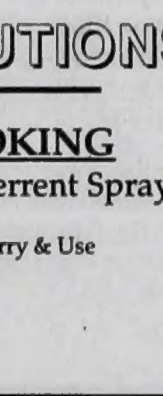
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Novice Bs rebound after streak snapped

by BRYAN BROWN

After having their 10-game unbeaten streak snapped, the Haliburton Huskies Novice Bs wasted little time getting back in the win column when they travelled to Cannington and came away with a hard fought 3-1 victory.

Josh Brown got the Bs off and running at 1:26 of the opening period when he took a loose puck from his own blueline and skated the length of the ice before drilling a low, hard wristshot past the Cannington netminder. Two minutes later Brown made it 2-0 for the Bs when he took a pass from winger Kyle Boughner near centre ice before splitting the defence and once again finding the target low to the goaltender's stickside.

Cannington cut the Bs lead in half before the period ended on a breakaway goal by Ryan Bailey, the last goal the game would see until late in the third period when Nick Judge would seal Haliburton's victory with a very pretty deke after taking a pass from Josh Brown.

Two nights later the Huskies faced off against the only team in their league that they hadn't yet beaten this year, the Fenelon Falls Falcons. In two previous meetings the Falcons had handed the Bs their only league play loss to date (3-2) and tied them (2-2). The Falcons were also the only undefeated team in the Novice B division.

As expected, this game was yet another battle to the wire with the Falcons opening the scoring at 43 seconds of the first period on a shot that went through a crowd of players in front of the Huskies net and past a startled Jeremy Moynes. For the next eight minutes the action went back and forth with numerous chances at each end until the Huskies tied the score at 8:58 when Jeremy Miscio's wristshot from the blueline got by everyone.

The Huskies then took the lead at 3:27 of the second period when Josh Brown's beautiful lead pass sent Nick Judge in alone. Judge made no mistake burying a hard

wristshot inside the far post. However, this lead would be short-lived as the Falcons' Brock MacDonald scored to tie the game at 2-2 at 5:12.

The Bs regained the lead with only four seconds remaining in the second period when Nick Judge scored his second of the game on yet another breakaway on passes from Dan Craig and Josh Brown. As the teams traded ends between the second and third periods the Huskies' fans wondered aloud if their boys would be able to outlast the

determined Falcons.

Unfortunately, they didn't have to wait long to find out as the Falcons' Brock MacDonald scored twice in the first minute of the third period to put the Bs behind 4-3 with 14 minutes to play.

For the next couple of minutes the Bs seemed to sag emotionally and the Falcons sensed an opportunity to put the game away, but with the constant urging of Coach Jim Winn and the boisterous support of their fans, they slowly started to regain their confidence.

By the 5 minute mark the momentum began to swing in the Huskies favour. More and more the play stayed in the Falcons' zone.

By the 10 minute mark the Huskies trademark, forechecking, was taking its toll on the now frustrated Falcons. Repeatedly, the puck was around the Falcons net until at 11:29 Dustin Prindiville hammered home his own rebound and the game was tied at 4-4.

As the game entered its last minute the Huskies were all over

the Falcons in an effort to even the season's series. With less than 20 seconds to play, the Bs forced yet another face-off in the Fenelon Falls end. As the puck was dropped, Josh Brown quickly gained control and fired at the net. As the Falcons' goaltender juggled the puck it was knocked loose by Andy Dawson but Brown was foiled again. However, he followed the puck behind the net and quickly fed Dawson who was stopped point blank. As the two continued to jam away at the loose puck, it

suddenly skipped into the net, glancing off the back of the goaltender's pad.

With nine seconds remaining on the clock the Huskies' Andy Dawson had won the game and handed the Falcons their first league play loss of the season. To put it mildly, this was a barn burner.

The Husky Bs next action is January 5 when they travel to Sundridge to participate in a 4-team mini tournament with South River, North Bay and Burks Falls.

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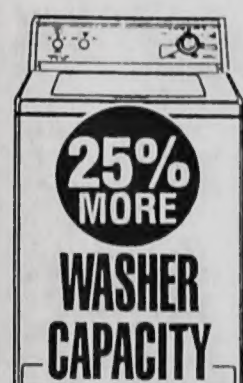
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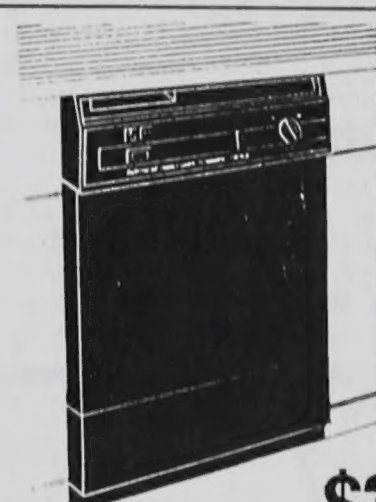
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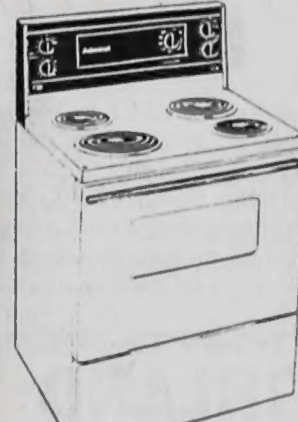
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1994: A year of highs and lows

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weekends because of the NDP's Social Contract, which forces ambulance workers to take unpaid leave from their duties, otherwise known as Rae Days.

Promising salvation from Bob Rae and his NDP government, provincial leader of the Progressive Conservative party Mike Harris makes three stops in Haliburton County to lend support to Chris Hodgson, who is running for election in the March 17 by-election for Victoria-Haliburton.

School board trustees begin to wrestle with a proposed budget of more than \$17.5-million, representing an increase of more than a million over 1993-1994. As they look over the first draft, they begin to realize it will be difficult to bring in a zero budget increase without chopping some services.

Far away from the world of budgets and numbers, the only math attendants at Winterfest '94 have on their minds is trying to figure out how many of the weekend's events they can add into 48 hours. Numerous snowmobiling events, outdoor breakfasts and a couple sold-out dances make the weekend a huge success.

Back to cuts and budgets, county council decides to sacrifice its planning and waste management department to save \$106,000. The move puts three people out of work, halts work on a county official plan and ends a co-ordinated waste management strategy.

On a more positive note, two local snowmobilers who were crossing Boshkung Lake near Buttermilk Falls are saved after they break through the ice. Trapped in the freezing water and unable to get out, Wes Smith and Harold Harrison are rescued by Garth Mole who hears their cries while passing by. Cecil Penney and Tommy Gardner also stop to help in the rescue.

MARCH

The school board's fears are confirmed when Ontario Premier Bob Ray says the province won't back off its mandate that all school board across the province get a junior kindergarten program up and running by 1997. During a stop in Lindsay he says he doesn't think the people of Haliburton would like to see their children "falling behind" because they can't attend JK.

The Echo's cartoonist, Charlie Teljeur, gives the main character of his Boonieville comic strip, Gus, the honour of asking his girlfriend, Gina Deighton, to marry him. About 10,000 readers have to wait for the next issue for Gina's real life reply — Yes!

Dozens of volunteers say yes to a different proposal: giving the auditorium at Haliburton's arena a much-needed face lift. By donating their time and labour, the volunteers are able to spruce up the auditorium without jacking up local taxes.

Also fighting to reduce taxes, county councillors whittle their budget down to a 19 per cent increase from a first draft of a 30 per cent hike. The budget increase translates to a \$25 tax increase on an average residential property.

Helped by a strong showing in the Highlands, Haliburton native Chris Hodgson is voted in as MPP for Victoria-Haliburton in the provincial by-election. He scores big at the polls in Victoria County and Lindsay, thought to be Liberal candidate Sharon McCrae's territory, in his surprise victory.

Taly Williams becomes the first graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to join the Canadian Football League when he is picked up by the Hamilton Tiger Cats.

Back at HHSS, co-op student reporter Keith McKelvey reports that students fear many of their sports programs could be ended by cuts the board

is considering to come in with a zero per cent budget increase. Among the items proposed for the chopping block are the late bus and extra curricular travel.

The Acting Health Services Board is struck at the final meeting of the county's Planning and Development Committee. Volunteer members of the Board are given the responsibility of charting the future of the hospitals, raising funds to enhance them and eventually taking over control of their services.

APRIL

Haliburton's OMHA Midgets become giants in Ontario hockey, winning the all-Ontario DD championship in three straight games. It is the team's fifth championship in just seven years.

In a time of more and more cutbacks, S.I.R.C.H. gets a boost from the federal government when it will receive \$900,000 over four years to help parents in need across the county raise their children.

After seeing how a zero increase in the school's budget would slash programs and extra-curricular activities, some parents actually ask trustees to increase their budget. And they receive. Trustees vote for a 3.9 per cent increase over the previous year.

Haliburton forest owners wage a battle against the government trying to use the public's outcry as a battering ram. They decide they will close the gates to their private lands on November 1, severely restricting snowmobile and cross-country skiing trail systems, in hopes that public outrage over the move will help convince the province to re-instate the Managed Forest Tax Rebate program.

The school board finally decides to put away its boxing gloves and give in to the province in its fight to keep junior kindergarten out of its schools. The board plans to have the program going at three schools in the fall and fully implemented by 1997.

The Ministry of Natural Resources cancels all fire permits until the area receives significant amounts of rain.

MAY

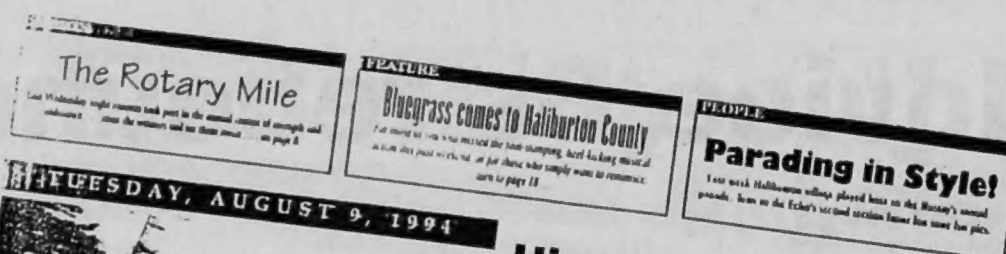
After struggling for weeks to keep a line on its budget and finally agreeing to a 3.9 per cent increase, the school board is rocked by the news that the province is cutting education grants to the county by \$650,000. That means the tax increase will add about \$65 to the average Dysart household tax bill and \$45 in Glamorgan.

Ontario Hydro proves there is such a thing as a free lunch when it decides to continue to pay for hot meals for its outdoor workers from November 1 to April 30, despite massive lay-offs and losses of \$3.5-billion the previous year.

Life-long resident Minden Richard Kirkwood, 86, is recognized by the province for the time and effort he has spent trying to make Minden a better place to live. He is given the Ontario Senior

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Achievement Award by the province's Lieutenant Governor during a special ceremony.

Seasonal residents returning to their Kennis Lake cottages after the winter are shocked by the massive patch of forest that has been clear cut by Haliburton County Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum. While they sympathize with his fight to have the Managed Forest Tax Rebate program re-instated, they don't appreciate being used as pawns to help get the attention of the province.

An otherwise perfect Victoria Day long weekend, for visitors and local businesses alike, is marred when an 11-hour power outage on Sunday forces many restaurants to close down on what would have been one of their busiest days of the year.

Charter member Rea Stinson helps the Haliburton Rotary Club celebrate its 50th anniversary, marking a half century of community service and dedication. Mr. Stinson is the only surviving charter member of the club, which was first organized March 3, 1944.

Highlanders had the spring taken out of their step by a snowfall of more than two inches on May 26. The late storm sent nursery owners running for covers to shield their budding flowers.

JUNE

The month begins with a number of events commemorating the 50th anniversary D-Day, as hundreds pay their respects for the Canadian soldiers who fought so courageously on June 6, 1944 and the many who lost their lives.



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A year of change and challenges

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come up with at least a matching share.

Jonathan Bishop, who excels at hockey, badminton and soccer, and Anna Tomlinson, who is outstanding in track and field and many other sports, are named athletes of the year when HHSS hands out awards to its many fine student athletes.

At its first official meeting the Acting Health Services Board finds itself stuck in first gear and unable to deal with any of the other important health care issues facing the community until members can come to terms with the Ministry's approval of setting up 30 long-term care beds in Haliburton instead of Minden.

JULY

The month of Canada's birthday begins with a decision for a hiring and firing in the county's health care field. Phyllis Hiltz-Bontje is fired from her position as director of nursing at Hyland Crest senior citizen's home in Minden without any public explanation by the county's personnel committee. At the same time, the Acting Health Services Board makes a decision to begin looking for an administrator to help guide it through its difficult planning stages.

Also hoping to help the county's hospitals, NHL hockey player Dave Andreychuk's celebrity golf tournament raises more than \$12,000 to go towards the Haliburton County Hospital Fund. About 115 people take part in the tournament at the PineStone Resort, including about 30 past and present NHLers and other celebrities.

The race for the November 14 municipal election begins to kick into gear, and Minden Times editor Russ Duhaime announces that he will take on incumbentreeve George Simmons for his position at the head of the council table in Snowdon.

Fishing enthusiasts get the opportunity to have some input in the Ministry of Natural Resources proposal to counteract the effects of over-fishing brook trout and lake trout across South Central Ontario. The open house in Minden is one of the several the MNR holds to receive public input into solving the dilemma.



Tired of holding its meetings at the Minden Community Centre for lack of adequate space at its existing facility, county council decides to apply for a \$1.3-million infrastructure grant to build a new headquarters on Hwy. 35. If approved, council's portion of the cost of putting up a new building would be \$835,000, adding up for a total cost of about \$2.1-million for the project.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce kicks off its \$90,000 Trails and Tours Network Strategy study with the goal of taking inventory of the region's various natural and man-made attractions so the Chamber can then market the Highlands as a tourism destination more effectively.

One of the area's natural attractions, the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, opens its paths to an international field of runners who competed in a 50-mile ultra marathon.

AUGUST

Businesses in downtown Haliburton report brisk sales during the annual Midnight Madness event. More than 30 firefighters from Stanhope and

Dysart respond to an early morning blaze at Sir Sam's Inn and are able to save the historic property. Because of their quick response and the skilled training of their volunteer forces, the two fire departments are able to restrict the blaze to the top floors of the 1916 main lodge.

A newly formed organization called the Haliburton County Forest Land Task Force contracts a natural resource consultant to examine the social and economic impact of the county's forests. The task force hopes to use the study, in part, to help the government reverse its decision to remove the Managed Forest Tax Rebate program.

In sports, former Haliburton resident Lesley Tashlin places sixth in the 100-metre hurdles at Commonwealth Games with a time of 13:85 seconds.

Still in the world of sports, Freddie Williams, the Canadian record holder of the half-mile makes a surprise appearance at the Rotary Mile race in Haliburton and, not surprisingly, sets a new record in the event.

A decision of the Ministry of Natural Resources to extend its deadline for the public to give its input on a plan to protect naturally producing brook and lake trout is met with skepticism by some. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters agrees that some conservation is necessary, but feels the ministry must be careful not to harm the local economy.

SEPTEMBER

Temperatures flare at a special meeting called by Dysart et al council to discuss the costs and problems involved with extending the sewer line along the North Shore of Lake Kashagawigamog. Not only are the 60 or so people in attendance at the meeting venting their anger at council over the possible \$6,000 connection fee each residence may have to pay, but also they are getting into arguments with each other over how to solve the dilemma.

And in this corner, tempers are also running high at a meeting called by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Haliburton Forest Owners Association's plan to cut off public access to their lands as of November 1. The association says it will go through with the plan unless the province reinstates some form of property tax rebate for managed woodlots and forests. Chamber members say the plan will devastate the county's growing snowmobile and cross-country ski industries, costing business upwards of \$15-million for a single year.

The Minden OPP release statistics which show a startling increase in the number of traffic accidents on local roads since the year began.

There was no need to worry about the traffic outside at Stephanie and Stephen Smith's house. It is only about 300 metres from their front door to Haliburton's hospital, but when Mrs. Smith went

into labour early, Mr. Smith helped deliver his wife deliver their second son in the downstairs hallway of their home.

About 110 people take part in Haliburton and Minden's Terry Fox Run, raising a total of \$5,200 for cancer research. Minden takes part in the event for the first time.

At their annual general meeting, members of the Haliburton Highland's Outdoors Association are urged by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, as well as Victoria-Haliburton MP John O'Reilly and MPP Chris Hodgson, to attend an anti-gun control rally on Parliament Hill.

With its fate likely sealed, Victoria Street Elementary School celebrates its 70th anniversary, giving some of its original students the opportunity to relive old memories of their first days at school and the chance to mingle in the hallways.

The chairman of the Acting Health Services Board announces that a decision on where to consolidate the county's acute care beds will be made once and for all within the next few weeks. While the Ministry of Health says it prefers Haliburton as the site, the ultimate choice has to be made locally.

And while one decision is imminent, another is being postponed. The ministry of Natural Resources announces it won't implement any changes to its winter fishing policies to protect brook and lake trout until January 1996.

Enrolment at the school board's eight school's climbs by about 2.5 per cent, or 60 students, according to preliminary figures released by the board. There are 2,469 full- and part-time kids registered at the board's schools.

OCTOBER

The much-anticipated "final decision" over whether the county's acute care hospital beds will be consolidated in Minden or Haliburton hits a snag when a split vote among the 14 members of the Acting Health Services Board derails the plan. The issue must go back to the board's table for further debate.

In a second vote a couple weeks later, the board votes 11-3 in favour of consolidating the beds at the Haliburton Hospital. The motion carried by the board also includes a provision to provide up to seven stabilization beds and 24-hour emergency care at Hyland Crest.

As the November 1 deadline set by the Haliburton County Forest Owners Association for its members to close off access to their properties quickly approaches, local business owners fear they will be in for a long, cold winter. Chamber of Commerce president Brian Dean predicts up to 150 people could lose their jobs if the association carries out its plan. Luckily for them, the association eventually decides to hold off on its threat this year and postpones the deadline to November

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1994: A year of moving forward

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1, 1995.

The junior and senior HHSS Redmen football teams are crowned Kawartha West Champions after both going undefeated through the regular season. The juniors in particular, led by record-breaking speedster Mike Bradley, put together impressive seasons.

More passive pursuits see thousands of people visit the many artists and craftspeople who opened their doors for the weekend during the Studio Tour.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Haliburton's branch of the Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 50th anniversary and a half century of dedicated community service. Among the special guests that help the Auxiliary mark its anniversary is Mae Wilson, who has been a member since its inception, and Edith Day and Betty Wise, who joined shortly after it was chartered.

HHSS recognizes some of its top students from 1993/1994 for their excellence during its annual Awards Night.

The Moore family's Westside Jug City in Minden is named business of the year by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce while Wendy Ladurantaye's commitment to the county earns her the distinction of being the Highlander of the Year.

NOVEMBER

For the first time ever, St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough decides to close beds at the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals for three weeks. St. Joe's hopes the plan will save \$55,000 and will

help cut down a combined deficit of about \$200,000 at the two hospitals. Haliburton's beds are to be closed during November, while the beds in Minden will be shut down in March.

Marlene Taylor retires as administrator of the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals after 35 years of service. She is replaced on an interim basis by Lynne Johnston, while St. Joseph's acts on the Acting Health Services Board's behalf to find a new administrator.

Two members of the Acting Health Services Board say verbal attacks and intimidation tactics from members of the public are forcing them to resign their posts on the board. Beverly MacDuff and Gord Monk, who voted in favour of consolidating the county's acute care beds in Haliburton, say they have had enough public malignment for their volunteer service.

When the polls finally close on November 14, the people of Haliburton County vote three incumbent reeves, four incumbent councillors and one incumbent trustee out of office. But there are just as many reeves voted back into office, as well as nearly all the school board trustees and many councillors.

Among the biggest election night upsets former, clerk-treasurer Elva Bates handily beats out incumbent Beverly MacDuff and councillor Lorrie Saville for the reeve's seat, while in Stanhope Jock Mavor takes the reeve's title from incumbent Fred Gardner and in Minden councillor Jeanne Anthon beats incumbent Bern Berry in the race for reeve by almost a two-thirds margin.

Voter turn-out indicates seasonal residents are maintaining their interest in the local political scene, and several municipalities report that proxy votes are growing in popularity.

Prior the election, on November 11,

Legionnaires, school children and people across the county pay homage to those who made sacrifices for their benefit during the wars. The weather this Remembrance Day is sunnier than it has been in years.

Local developers and municipalities predict the passage of Bill 163, also known as the Planning and Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act, will ground future development plans to a halt in rural regions with its highly restrictive regulations.

At the same time as a study of the local economy says more than 50 per cent of the county's residents depend on some form of government assistance, primarily Unemployment Insurance, Ontario Hydro announces it will be eliminating 13 jobs from its Minden operation centre. The utility company plans to amalgamate Minden Hydro with its Muskoka-Parry Sound Branch.

On a lighter note, the Highlands Little Theatre presents the entertaining musical "Brigadoon," giving audience's a view of magic, romance, action and just enough humour.

DECEMBER

Local police, politicians and gun enthusiasts blast the federal government's plan to bring in tougher gun control legislation. The gun control package proposes a national computerized registration system for all firearms and a ban on certain military and paramilitary firearms and most handguns. Gun enthusiasts decry the legislation, which should become law in the new year, as an assault on their rights.

Meanwhile, a memorial held by the Women's Safety Network for the 14 women shot to death in

Montreal on December 6, 1989 urges men to take more responsibility for their actions and women to gain more control of their lives.

Another new piece of legislation, which bans smoking in a variety of public places and makes it illegal to sell cigarettes to anyone under 19, raises a lot less fire than gun control. Many local businesses operators tell The Echo they applaud the new rules.

In Dorset, politicians and residents grapple with the decision of how much development should be allowed in the small village as the municipality of Sherborne et al tries to put together an Official Plan. While more development would create much-needed employment, particularly during the long, hard off-season, it would also forever change the character and charm of the quaint village.

After more than 40 years serving the residents of the county, Dr. Harry Good decides to hang up his stethoscope for good at the end of the month. His long-time secretary, Barb Sisson, who has worked with him for the past 33 years, also plans to start off the new year as a retiree.

It seems the retirement bug is going around in December. Russell Baker, whose presence on the corner of Maple and Highlands Streets has been a familiar sight to residents and visitors for 22 years as he pumped gas for Curry Motors, puts in his final shift on December 16.

The county learns that its request for government funding to build a new headquarters in Minden has been approved, but that does not necessarily mean it will go ahead with the proposal. The main stumbling block is that the county will have to kick in \$800,000 towards the total price-tag of \$2.4-million and there are no reserves to fall back on. The newly elected council decides to take a wait-and-see approach before it commits to the project.

Tragically, Anne Schell, one of the community's most loved and respected volunteers, is killed in a car accident.

In the true spirit of Christmas, Haliburton County residents donate generously to the 4Cs Food Bank and the Haliburton Rotary Club's first-ever Book Drive so that families in need can have something extra at Christmas.

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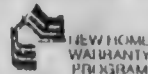
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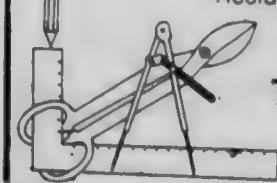


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This will be a little catch up column for before Christmas. On Dec. 16th the Seniors held their special Euchre party. Ten table played and they handed out special prizes throughout the evening. The regular winners were Lone Hands Doreen Ablett, Ladies High Ruth Rosenblath, Mens High Warren Bowen, Ladies low Flo Elliott, Means Low Marg Finlay. There was also a mens lone hand prize and it was won by Dugal Ransom. Several small prizes were handed out as door prizes. Everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch and a good Christmas chat.

On Sunday Dec. 18th the cloggers were happy to welcome the class from Carnarvon to an evening of dancing and a sandwich supper followed by plates of goodies. It was nice to see the young ones dance so easily, but we did our best to keep up, and we all had a lot of fun.

The Seniors Club welcomed the elementary school children on Dec. 20th when they came to put on a concert. The children did a marvelous job of entertaining and leading the carol singing. This was

followed by a visit from Santa who brought each one a bag of candy and fruit. The hall is always filled with family members and it seems such a special time to see these children doing their best.

The Community Carol singing took place on Thursday Dec. 22 at the United Church. This is always popular and the church was filled with those who came to participate as well as to listen to Christmas songs. This was the last big event before Christmas and it was great to have time to relax a little.

And speaking of Christmas, how did you make out, I hope you got everything you wanted. Santa didn't deliver our latest grandchild, but I hope it will be here by the time you read this. Boy or girl it doesn't matter, we are ready and waiting.

The deepest sympathy of the community goes out to the Agnew family at the loss of Murray and Eileen's son, Fred. He was raised in Wilberforce, but lately he has been living in Toronto with his wife of just over a year. I'm sure all our prayers are with them.



MILBURN WEDDING: Margaret Glintz and Eric Milburn exchanged wedding vows on May 14th, 1994 in the Village of Baysville near their Bracebridge home. Attendants from left to right: Christopher Sherwin, Lorraine Klodnicki, Dawn Milburn, Debbie Sherwin, Helen Glintz (Maid of Honour), Scott Milburn (Best Man), Melissa Klodnicki, Nathan Petrini, Chris Cowan, and Jerry Foran. The couple wishes to thank everyone who helped to make their day so special.

ODE TO A NEW YEAR

by EV STATA

Just think! another year is here,
With fifty-two weeks to fill with cheer,
Twelve whole months to do our best,
To live a life that's full of zest
But taking time to help our neighbours
And see rewards for all our labours;
All those hours to fill with laughter
And do those things we'll remember after
The days have gone by with their hopes and fears

Joys, and Sorrows, regrets and tears.
Resolutions we make on New Year's Day
To be our best in every way,
To love everybody when Valentine's comes along

And greet St. Pat with a lilt in our song;
Then we come to the days of Lent
We know our sins! We must repent!
And May is the time to plant those flowers
June has the days of bridal showers.
July and August are summertime,
Sorry, but August I couldn't rhyme.
September - don't we wish we were back in school

And Hallowe'en! then we all play the fool.
Now the year's nearly gone and it's November
Time to prepare for that big day in December.
So the year is gone and what have we to show
For this year God has given us here below?
Have we tried to make this world a better place?
For if we're here at all it's by God's good grace!

Carnarvon year closes on a contrasting note

News items of the past two weeks cover hope, delight and despair.

Dec. 18th the duet choir of Haliburton United with our own Zion in an evening of Seasonal music and prayer followed by a lunch served in the C.E. Building

We are happy to see Colin Russell and his fam-

ily of Australia home for the festive season along with the rest of the Sinclair Russell family.

Ernie and Eleanor Hamilton are back from New Zealand and Australia where Eleanor met family for the first time. They report having a wonderful if somewhat tiring time.

It was with deep sadness we learned of the death of Sarah Nash just east of the village and extend our sympathies to Doris and Rick at this heart breaking time.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Thomas have had Ruth's father staying with them for the month of December.

Among the families home for the holidays were the Garth Windsors, Norman Wallace, Mildred and Stan Archer, Bud and Diane Thomas, Reone and Jack Barnhart and I. I may have left some out but these I am sure of having met them all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gregory are back in their

home after a month or two in Ottawa with son Fred.

I would like at this time to wish from his many patients in this area a happy retirement to Dr. Good. He has been a very caring person to all in his care. I will miss him as my Doctor of 39 years and I know others who will also miss him.

Many people from all three charges attended the Christmas morning service here at Carnarvon and what a beautiful morning it was lots of sunshine and songs and messages of hope and peace.

May I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.



CARR/ALLORE ENGAGEMENT: Boyd and Toni Carr of Ingoldsby are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Peter Blair, son of Hugh and Helen Allore of Minden. The wedding is to take place on September 2, 1995.

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sters to the adults. To them we say "We hope you will come and visit again next year."

To those spiritual leaders who offer guidance to residents, in scripture and song, we wish the best of this festive season to you and yours. May your lives be uplifted as you have lifted up our lives.

Finally, to the volunteers who visit faithfully bringing their individual talents to share with residents along with the warmth of their own nature, we wish all kind thoughts for the coming year. With you all of our daily functions have been shared and enjoyed more in the sharing.



THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: A few days before Christmas, the students of Gooderham Elementary School toured the village singing Christmas carols and getting everyone in the proper spirit. Here they stop by the Pentecostal church. Our thanks to Anne Costeloe for the photo.

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WINNER: Minden District Lions Club Luxury Draw. December Winners: 1st Prize - Marion Acton; 2nd Prize - Earle McDonald. CA

330 THANK YOU

HEARTFELT THANKS to those whose skills and kindness eased the fear and pain of our daughters' accident on December 17, especially, Greg Sharp, the Griffins, the Willemses and others with blankets and calming words, Bob Pollard and the Stanhope team, the ambulance service, hospital staff and Bob Heyes' fine needlework. **Claire and Eric.**

MANY THANKS go out to all the Haliburton residents who supported us during our sister's illness and death. Your prayers, thoughts, cards, and telephone calls were very encouraging. Once again, thank you to all of you and may God bless you. **Anna, Bob, André, and Rosanne Nichol.**

The family of the late **WINIFRED COWEN** wish to sincerely thank family, friends and neighbours for their love, prayers, encouragement and support as well as floral tributes, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, food, cards and phone calls during their recent loss. A special thank you to Reverend Jim Fast for his comforting and challenging message, to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home staff for their caring service and to the Village Family Restaurant for the excellent catering following the service. **Norman Cowen and family.**

I WOULD JUST LIKE to say Thank-you, to all the people who helped me on Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m., when my baby and I fell on the ice on the main street of Haliburton. A special thanks to Charlotte Watts and Mary Urquhart of Rip's Sleepy Hollow and the Haliburton Hospital Staff. **Michelle Wilson-Grist.**

340 BIRTHS

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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
At North Hastings District Hospital in Bancroft on Friday, Dec. 23, 1994
JOHN FREDERICK (FRED) AGNEW
In his 29th year.

Dearly loved son of Murray and Eileen Agnew of Wilberforce. Beloved husband of Melissa (nee Stein) and son-in-law of Phillip and Connie Stein of Peterborough. Dear brother of Mary and John Barker, Cathy, Philip and Wynne Agnew all of Wilberforce and Uncle to Jodie, Luke, Behn, and Meghann. Fred lived most of his life in Wilberforce before moving to Willowdale. Rested at the Baragar Funeral Home, Wiggins Chapel, Bancroft. Then to St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce for Funeral Service on Tues. Dec. 27. Cremation, Highland Park Crematorium, Peterborough. CA

THE DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIEDS is Friday at 5 p.m.

390 DEATH NOTICES

BARJAROW: LAWRENCE (Larry) Peacefully at Peterborough Civic Hospital on Saturday, December 31, 1994 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of Alma Hancock. Loving father of Harold and his wife Evelyn of West Guilford, Jack and his wife Elva of Cornwall, Frank and his wife Elaine of Maple Lake. Fondly remembered by daughter-in-law Doreen Barjarow, and son-in-law George Hill. Predeceased by his sons Stanley, Billy and daughter Lillian. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. Friends called at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, (705) 457-9209 on Monday, January 2, 1994 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral and Committal Services in the Chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Spring Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Legion Service was held at the Funeral Home on Monday evening at 8 p.m. "Kia - Ora" Alma CA

BENSON: REV. DAVID Peacefully at Markham-Stouffville Hospital on Wednesday, December 28, 1994 in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Phoebe. Dear father of Marshall and his wife Judy of Markham, daughter Ruth of Scarborough and Paul and his wife Linda of Eagle Lake. Much loved grandfather of Rande, Sherri, Steve, Kevin, Cindy, Brad, Melanie, and Lisa and six great grandchildren. He was born in Portadown, Ireland and was a Pastor for 55 years in churches both in Ontario and Brandon, Florida. Friends were received at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, 166 Main St. N. (Hwy. #48), Markham, Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held at Centennial Baptist Church, McCowan Road just south of Hwy. 7, Markham on Saturday, December 31st at 1:30 p.m. Spring Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Gideon Bible Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. CA

BRUNTON, ARTHUR HAROLD GORDON - At Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry on Wednesday, December 21, 1994. Arthur Brunton, beloved husband of Sarah Kight and the late Edith Maude Mark, and dear father of David and his wife Edna Brunton of Port Perry, Barbara and her husband Mike Compas of Etobicoke, Wendy and her husband Sid Brinkman of Haliburton, Timothy and his wife Judy of Basingbourne, England. Also survived by thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Brother of Jack of Toronto and the late Jane Nelles. Funeral service was held from the Church of Ascension, Port Perry on Tuesday, December 27, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert. Donations to the Port Perry Hospital would be appreciated. Arrangements by Low & Low Funeral Home, (905) 985-7331.

AT REST
At his residence in West Guilford, on Friday, December 30th, 1994
EDWARD BRUCE "TED" DUNCAN
In his 80th year.
Beloved husband of Carol (nee Boice). Dear father of Heather Harrington of Sundre, Alberta, and Laurel Yateman of West Guilford. Loving grandfather of Troy and Skye Austen, and Paige Yateman. Dear brother of Edna Loucks, Reita Hughes, Rhoda McKelvey, Maisie Mintz, Jessie Roberts and William Duncan. Dear son-in-law of Mrs. Grace Boice. Loving nephew of Mrs. Bert McNeil. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Saturday, December 31st, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. Spring Interment Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial Donations to the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery Fund would be appreciated by the family. CA

HUBBERT: ALBERT CECIL (DAL) Peacefully held by his family, Dal went home to be with his Lord. Dal Hubbert was born in Dagshai, India in 1911, and died on Wednesday, December 28, 1994 at the Haliburton Hospital, Haliburton. Loving husband of Nancy Taylor. Loving father of Allan and his wife Ai Mee, Leslie (Mrs. Ron Jorgensen), Lorraine (Mrs. Dave Chalmers), and Louise (Mrs. Steve Jackson). Devoted grandfather of Christian, Ingrid (Mrs. Chris Wanless), Courtney, Trevor, Graeme, Jesse, Laura, and Kaitlyn and great grandfather of Robyn. Dear brother of Reg of England. Friends are invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, (705) 457-9209 on Friday, December 30th from 7-9 p.m. A private family service will be held. Interment Alliston Union Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be greatly appreciated by the family. "Underneath are the Fathers everlasting arms." CA

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital, on Sunday, December 25th, 1994.
EDITH FLORENCE JOHNSON
In her 75th Year.

Beloved wife of John, dear mother of Leonard and his wife Shirley, Larry and his wife Dianna, Darlene Johnson all of Haliburton, Vicky and her husband Rob Abbs of Eagle Lake. Loving grandmother of 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Edna Bowen of Searchmont, Merle Donaldson of Harcourt, Luella Innanen of Florida, Carl Donaldson of Colbourne, Lorne Donaldson of Harcourt, Leonard Donaldson of Bancroft, Don Donaldson of Cardiff, Annett Fimmer of Collingwood, Marion Freeman of Trenton and predeceased by Percy Donaldson of Colbourne, Verla Stoughton of Whitby. Loving daughter of the late Alice Tompkins and William Donaldson. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for Funeral Service on Wednesday, December 28th, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, or to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated. Eastern Star Service at the Funeral Home, 8 p.m. Tuesday. CA

AT REST
At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, January 1, 1995
MARTIN MAGASHAZI JR.
(Formerly of Haliburton and Windsor)

In his 75th year
Son of Martin Magashazi Sr. and the former Agnes Schmidt. Survived by his first wife Irene (Danka), and predeceased by his second wife Barbara (McInnes). Dear father of Diane of Heidelberg, Dennis and Shirley of Tillsonburg, and Debra Hart of Windsor. Loving grandfather of Jennifer Hart of Windsor. Dear brother of Betty Renn and Paul of Otterville, Mary Brown and Carl of Tillsonburg, Madeline Rohran of Tillsonburg, Carl Magashazi and Edna of LaSalette. Predeceased by his son-in-law John Hart and brother-in-law Frank Rohran. Rested at the Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, until Wednesday morning thence to the Roman Catholic Church in Courtland for mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to Tillsonburg Hospital Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. CA

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Peacefully at the Pinecrest Nursing Home, Bobcaygeon, Ontario on Monday, January 2nd, 1994
OLIVE MURIEL PARK
In her 83rd year.

Beloved wife of Stewart Park. Dear step-mother of Tom Thompson, Carol Chandelier, Kenneth Park, Aunt of Allan McLatchie, Martie Morrow, Linda Morrow and predeceased by Keith McLatchie and Sandra Barclay. Dear friend of Charlie and Mary-Ann Campbell, and Stephen Brelesford. Sister of the late Ernest Harper, Mallory Harper, Pansy McLatchie, and Louella Despres. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St. Minden from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 5th at 1:30 p.m. Interment Highland Memory Gardens, Toronto. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Victoria-Haliburton Lung Association would be appreciated by the family. CA

400 IN MEMORIAM

HIMES, DONALD REID - In loving memory of a dear husband, dad and grandpa who passed away Jan. 4, 1991.
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In memory's frame I shall keep it,
Because he was one of the best.
Sadly missed and loved by **Audrey, John Karen, Scott and Jenni, Ian, Kerrie-Sue.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **PEARL MARY FOSTER, deceased.**

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Pearl Mary Foster, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of February, 1994, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 31st day of January, 1995. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons, hereto, entitled, having regard only to the claims of which the Administratrix for the Estate being Susan Foster, shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 15th day of December, 1994 by **BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.** Solicitors for the Administratrix of the Estate of Pearl Mary Foster. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of **LILA BERNICE GRAY**

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Lila Bernice Gray, of the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 12th day of December, 1994, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 10th day of January, 1995.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 15th day of December, 1994. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.** CA

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Local musician launches petition

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

A CRTC ruling to ban the U.S.-based Country Music Television network from Canadian airwaves has struck a chord in the heart of Haliburton musician Ian Brohm.

In an effort to convince the CRTC (Canadian Radio and Television Commission) to reverse its decision, which has been supported by the court of appeals, the pianist/vocalist with the local, country band Summerwind has kick-started a cross-country petition to voice the concerns of outraged, country music lovers.

Presently, the network — which plans to go world-wide this year — voluntarily plays 10 per cent Canadian artists. However, that percentage will likely decline once it is outlawed from Canadian airwaves as of the new year. The loss of that valuable international exposure, fears Brohm, will have a devastating

impact on the future of Canadian country musicians.

"If we lose that exposure of Canadian talent it could really affect the potential success of our musicians and their relationship with Nashville — and if that happens it will be a sad day for Canada," said Brohm who has aspirations himself of one day reaching the country music mecca.

The CMT network until now has been accessed by Rogers or Maclean Hunter cable subscribers or via satellite. The ruling was prompted by Rogers plans to launch a similar music network of its own.

By pulling the plug on the CMT channel, the CRTC is also pulling the plug on Canadian country artists' dreams of making it to the country capital of the world — Nashville.

The full-time hair stylist (he owns Hair Emporium in

Haliburton Village) said he has no trouble with having a Canadian network, but "it isn't going to give our artists the international exposure they need."

"CMT has played a massive role in country music's popularity growth and if I ever get a recording contract I want to have that opportunity to get exposure in the U.S. and maybe produce a video," said Brohm adding that the established network has been a pioneer in promoting and cultivating country music videos in recent years.

"If Canada starts snubbing its nose to Nashville then Nashville won't exactly have open arms to Canadian artists — and that is my biggest worry."

While he realizes that his crusade could very likely be in vain, Brohm has gone ahead with the campaign, rounding up friends in western Canada and other parts of Ontario (as well as Haliburton County, of course) to help in circulating the petition. So far he

has placed 200 petition forms throughout the County and has organized another 200 to be placed in other parts of the nation.

In the first week alone, he estimates to have received already roughly 1,000 signatures. Between his campaign and another similar one launched in Toronto, he hopes to have about 100,000 names signed to be sent to the network.

He is also encouraging those signing the petition to jam the phone lines for the Prime Minister's Office in Ottawa (the network has apparently been flashing the number itself over recent weeks urging viewers to appeals to the PMO).



COUNTRY CUT: Local country singer and hair stylist Ian Brohm has launched a cross-country petition fighting to bring back the U.S.-based country music station CMT, taken off of Canadian airwaves.

Atom Rockets shot down

by SUE CLARKSON

There were only a few games over the holidays to report on. It was a quiet time for all the teams.

The Atoms travelled to Bobcaygeon the Monday before Christmas. The team tried very hard but just couldn't get the puck past the Bobcaygeon goalie. The play was end to end throughout the entire game but the Rockets were always tied up. Bobcaygeon did their job keeping our players at bay but there were a few instances of holding that we not called. This was a penalty free game so though the team lost 4-0, maybe they will win in the sweepstakes.

The PeeWees hosted Minden during their regular Tuesday night practice. We welcomed a new winger to our midst - Ron Pettit. His arrival helped Coach Brown to have three full forward lines. A great boon for the team. Minden had the only goal in the first period, but the Rockets scored two in quick succession in the second period - in fact, just a minute and ten seconds apart. Corby Semple and Adam Passaretti each scored unassisted goals. At the beginning of the third period Minden changed their goalie and it proved to be a costly error for the Monarchs. Chris Alden was the first to score in the third period when he went coast to coast and deked the two defencemen to score. This was followed by a nice shorthanded goal by Corby Semple with a well earned assist going to Ron Pettit. Chris Alden scored a great unassisted goal next. Though Minden scored two quickly in the third, we were able to finish the game off. Rob MacArthur's first goal of the year with the assist going to Corby Semple. The bench cleared to congratulate Rob. Way to go! This was a good game with few penalties. Final score - Wilberforce 6, Rockets 3.

Our Major Tykes scheduled a make-up game on the 27th with Mariposa. Though our team

been trying very hard these past few weeks in this new division, it has been a tough go to lose several games after winning every game they played as Tykes. The players and parents were thrilled when the Rockets were able to get on the scoreboard first on a goal by Aaron Donaldson, assisted by Galen Bowman. Mariposa was able to score four times after but Kevin Bowman popped one into the net with assists going to Aaron Donaldson and Kanan Quibell in the second period and they were able to hold Mariposa at bay the rest of that time. The whole team worked very hard and with two kids missing these nine dedicated players kind of ran out of energy in the third. We are all very proud of how well you did in this game. Final score was 7-2 for Mariposa.

The Atoms travelled to Haliburton on the 27th but did not fair as well as they did when they beat Haliburton 2-0 two weeks ago in Wilberforce that game we were one players short as well. Haliburton slammed three into our net during the first period but Brandon Logan popped one in past their goalie with assists going to Andrew Hillis and Sean Passaretti. We hoped this would spur more scoring by the Rockets but Haliburton scored two more in the third. With 21 seconds left in the game, Sean Passaretti scored with well earned assists going to Ben DeCarlo and Brandon Logan. The final score was Haliburton 5 - Rockets 2. The other hardworking members of this team are Ira Arsenault, David Arsenault, Tom Bates, Billy Hunter and Kenny Mott. Keep on trying guys. Teamwork will pay

off.

The PeeWees travelled to Minden this time to have another go with the Monarchs. Ron Pettit was moved to defence for this game as we were short one defenceman. We appreciate players moving to new positions at a moment's notice to help out. That is real team playing. Minden got on the scoreboard fourteen seconds into the game. The Rockets poured on the pressure for a time but near the end of the first period it was the Rockets who withstood furious pressure from the Monarchs. The team worked hard and were able to keep the puck out of our net for the rest of the first. During the second period the boys seemed somewhat sluggish - must have been all the holiday goodies - though that didn't hurt Adam Passaretti's slapshot as he one-timed it into Minden's net. The play was tough and furious in the third as Minden scored again but from within the crease. Part way through the third period Adam Clarkson cleared the puck onto Corby Semple's stick and Corby scored a nice shorthanded goal. Minden was able to put another one in our net when they scored on a 3 on 0 play that ended the game in their favour at 5-2.

We are all looking forward to the next three months of hockey. Our home games for this week start on Saturday, January 7 at 12:30 p.m. with the Tykes taking on Woodville. The Atoms play Bobcaygeon at 2:45 p.m. and the PeeWees will be hosting Ops at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, January 8 at 2:30 p.m., the Atoms will play Woodville at home and the PeeWees will play Minden on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

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January 5, 12, 19 & 26 HALIBURTON X-COUNTRY SKI LESSONS takes place at 7 pm at the Glebe Park training site. Blake Paton (705) 457-5177

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